

## Village of Trumansburg

### Proposed Backyard Chicken Law

Draft Outline Jan 10, 2013

#### Allowed by permit only

- # of permits allowed in village limited to 25. Can be increased with board approval after 1 year trial period.
- One permit per property. Permits only issued to owner-occupied properties.
- Permits are good for 12 months and must be renewed annually
- Permits can be revoked by zoning officer at any time
- Applications for permits are made to the village clerk
- Application fee is \$25

#### Poultry allowed

- Chicken hens only.
- No roosters permitted
- No other type of poultry allowed
- Maximum of 6 chickens permitted per permit holder

#### Commercial use

- Eggs are for personal use only. Not to be offered for sale (including the Trumansburg Farmers Market)
- Chickens shall not be raised for the consumption of their meat

#### Yard restrictions

- Hens must be kept in a properly enclosed area
  - Minimum enclosed area size (sq. ft./chicken) required TBD
- Enclosed area must be in a backyard or side yard, no closer than 10 feet to an adjoining property
- Chickens are required to have a protected coop
  - Permitted coop configurations and sizes TBD
- Yard and coop must be maintained properly
- Coop must be constructed and maintained to prevent harboring rodents and pests

#### Required training and support for permit holders

- Anyone applying for a permit is required to take 2 hours training
  - Training program is developed and/or approved by Village code enforcement officer
  - Training provided by a committee of the Trumansburg Farmers Market:
    - § Written overview and informational video

- § Coop and yard design guidelines
- § Demonstration of best practices
- § Introduction to local resources for ongoing support and best practices
  - Village permit-holders and Farmers Market members
  - Cooperative extension, etc.

#### Draft proposed enforcement

- Siting
  - Back yard or side yard
  - Located no closer than 10' from any side property boundaries
- Management of coop and yard
  - Chickens must be protected in a coop that is locked every night
  - Odor management requirements
  - Pest management requirements
- Zoning officer and code enforcement officer can revoke chicken permit at any time
- Period of time to correct violation
  - Health or sanitation issue: a period of time as determined by the zoning or code enforcement officer.
  - All other violations: 30 days
- All dead, diseased or severely ill chickens to be properly disposed of
- Cruel treatment of chickens
- Fencing or coop in poor condition
- Chicken feces/manure not properly taken care of
- Objectionable odor in area
- Loose chickens outside of permitted area
- Abandoned chickens

#### Penalties for uncorrected violations within proper timeframe

- Revocation of chicken permit
- Fines (schedule determined by code enforcement officer)
- Continued violations by one permit holder will result in revocation of permit and a restriction and/or ban to apply for future permits